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Educators Back Jan Perry for Los Angeles County Supervisor

*Teachers, Administrators and Elected Officials say
Perry is Best for our Children*

Los Angeles, Calif. (September 22, 2019) – A group of educators led by Compton Community College Trustee and former Compton City Councilmember, Barbara Calhoun and former President of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) School Board Genethia Hudley Hayes today, endorsed Jan Perry’s campaign to become the next Supervisor of Los Angeles County’s Second District. Their support reflects Perry’s unwavering dedication to South LA’s neighborhoods and her passion to ensure children have access to resources and opportunities they need to succeed academically and later thrive professionally.

Barbara Calhoun has years of experience in the education arena having also served as a member of the Compton Unified School District. “Jan Perry is the one candidate who has a firm grasp of what our families need and how to put that into action to create safe, healthy neighborhoods,” said Trustee Calhoun. I believe she will continue that great work on the LA County Board of Supervisors.”

Genethia Hudley Hayes is an outspoken advocate for children. A former teacher, her depth and breadth of expertise on education policy is highly respected. “We need leaders who will put the interests of our families above all else. Our children will be best served by a true public servant like Jan Perry who has both the moral center and practical know-how to create an environment in which they can thrive,” said Hayes.

As Councilwoman for the City of LA’s 9th Council District, Perry worked very closely with schools to facilitate programs and activities to enrich their educational curriculum. She provided free access to the City’s cultural performances and art exhibitions for more than 40,000 kids and worked to expedite the construction and adaptation of new LAUSD, public charter, and parochial schools by cutting through bureaucratic red tape and creating relationships where none previously existed.

“It is an honor to have the endorsement of Trustee Calhoun and former President Hudley Hayes. I’ve known both women for many years and they are excellent policymakers and fierce advocates for our children. I look forward to working with them as County Supervisor,” said Perry. A list of educators who have endorsed Councilwoman Perry is included below.

Jan Perry served 12 years on the Los Angeles City Council as the representative of the 9th District which encompasses Downtown and South LA. She is considered one of the architects of the Downtown renaissance and was responsible for catalytic projects such as LA Live. During her tenure, she was responsible for the creation of \$15 billion in investment, \$52 million in net new tax revenue for the City of Los Angeles, and 90,000 full-time jobs.

From July 2013 to December 2018 Perry served as the general manager of the City of Los Angeles Economic Workforce Development Department (EWDD) where she oversaw a broad range of programs offering assistance to business, job seekers and disconnected youth. During her tenure, the department enrolled approximately 91,000 people in its training and placement programs. Currently, she serves as the executive director of the Infrastructure Funding Alliance, a national initiative to meet future infrastructure, economic development, and environmental challenges. She lives in Ladera Heights with her daughter and her rescue dog Frank.

Educators for Perry

Dr. Christopher Arellano - Education Advocate

Kim Chestnut - Educator, Inglewood Unified School District*

Paul de la Cerda – Educator, East Los Angeles Community College*

Roella Hsieh Louie - Arts Educator

Kimlin Johnson – Founder, B-Relyt*

Estella Lee - Head Start Educator, (Ret.)

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